

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.
Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a user's computer system, a method for sending from the user's computer system a user policy-controlled automated response to an information transfer request from a requesting computing system, the method comprising:

setting a user policy controlled by the user, the user policy defining parameters for use in
controlling a ~~response to be provided~~ an automated reply to information transfer requests from the requesting computing system;

receiving ~~[[an]]~~ the information transfer request from the requesting computing system;

applying parameters of the user policy to the information transfer request to allocate a response and to set a response level based on the user policy in order to provide
~~[[a]]~~ the user policy-controlled automated response to the requesting computing system; and

delegating ~~[[a]]~~ the response based on the response level and sending the response to the requesting computing system, wherein the act of delegating and sending the response comprises at least one of:

sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on
~~[[the]]~~ use of transferred information; and

sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the response is response information requested by the requesting computing system.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of delegating ~~[[a]]~~ the response further comprises sending no response based on a third response level.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of sending ~~[[a]]~~ the qualified response comprises:

detecting if use restrictions are to be included with ~~[[a]]~~ the response sent to the requesting computing system; and
attaching a restricted use policy to the response sent to the requesting computing system, the use policy controlling use and further distribution of the response by the requesting computing system.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of applying the user policy comprises:

comparing user policy parameters with request parameters in the information transfer request ~~for information~~ from the requesting computing system; and

allocating response information and setting [[a]] the response level based on the comparison of the user policy parameters with the request parameters.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the response is authorization for the requesting computing system to send information to the user's computing system.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
delegating [[a]] the response based on the response level and sending the response with a notification of restrictions on receipt of the information by the user's computing system, the restrictions being based on the response level.

10. (Currently Amended) A policy engine system in a computing cell phone for controlling automated responses from the computing cell phone to a requesting computing system, the controlled automated responses being based on a user policy specified by [[the]] a user of the computing cell phone, the policy engine system comprising:

a set policy module controlled by the user for entering and updating the user policy and response information;

a database storing the user policy and response information;

an apply policy module applying parameters of the user policy to information transfer requests from the requesting computing system and filtering stored response information to create a filtered response for the requesting computing system based on the parameters of the user policy; and

a delegate response module sending the filtered response along with a use policy to the requesting computing system, wherein sending the filtered response comprises at least one of:

sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the

unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on

[[the]] use of transferred information; and

sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified

response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein the information transfer request is a send request to send information to the computing cell phone and:

the apply policy module in response to the send request creates an authorization for the

requesting computing system to send information to the computing cell phone;

and

the delegate response module sends the authorization to the requesting computing system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the use policy contain rules for use of the filtered response by the requesting computing system.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the use policy ~~contain~~ contains rules for distribution of the filtered response by the requesting computing system to other computing systems.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the apply policy module comprises:

- retrieving policy parameters of the user policy from the database;
- a compare module comparing the policy parameters to request parameters in the information transfer request from the requesting computing system;
- an allocate module generating the filtered response based on a match between policy parameters and request parameters; and
- a compile module building [[a]] the filtered response and a response level to pass to the delegate response module.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the delegate response module comprises:

- a test module detecting whether [[a]] the use policy is to be included with the filtered response, the use policy controlling use of the filtered response by the requesting computing system; and
- a send module sending the filtered response with the use policy [[if]] when the test module detects the use policy is to be included and sending only the filtered response [[if]] when the test module detects the use policy is not to be included.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the computing cell phone is within ~~[[the]]~~ a communication domain of the requesting computing system and is being repeatedly polled by requests from the requesting computing system.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10 further comprising:
a test module detecting whether the apply policy module created a filtered response;
a query module for displaying the information transfer request and identity of the requesting computing system to the user ~~[[if]]~~ when a filtered response was not created; and
an update module receiving new response information and new user policy rules from the user, storing the new response information and updating the user policy ~~rules~~ in the database.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer storage media for storing computer instructions for a computer process for sending from a user's computer system a personal, policy-controlled automated response to an information transfer request from a requesting computing system, the computer process comprising:
receiving ~~[[an]]~~ the information transfer request from the requesting computing system;
~~[[and]]~~
applying parameters of a user policy exclusively controlled by the user to the information transfer request to compile a response and a response level based on the user policy; and

sending [[a]] the response to the requesting computing system based on the response level in order to provide [[a]] the personal, policy-controlled automated response to the requesting computing system, wherein sending the response comprises at least one of:

sending an unqualified response based on a first response level where the unqualified response is a complete response having no restrictions on [[the]] use of transferred information;

sending a qualified response based on a second response level where the qualified response is a partial response with restrictions on the use of the transferred information; and

sending no response based on a third response level.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer storage media of claim 19 wherein the computer process further comprises:

setting [[a]] the user policy controlled by the user, the user policy defining parameters for use in controlling a response to be provided as an automated reply to information transfer requests from the requesting computing system.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~readable-medium~~ storage media of claim 19 wherein the response is response information requested by the requesting computing system.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The computer storage media of claim 19, wherein the act of sending [[a]] the qualified response comprises:

detecting [[if]] that use restrictions are to be included with [[a]] the response sent to the requesting computing system; and

attaching a restricted use policy to the response sent to the requesting computing system, the use policy controlling use and further distribution of the response by the requesting computing system.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer storage media of claim 19, wherein the act of applying the user policy comprises:

comparing user policy parameters with request parameters in the request for information from the requesting computing system; and

allocating response information and setting [[a]] the response level based on the comparison of the user policy parameters with the request parameters.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer storage media of claim 19 wherein the response is authorization for the requesting computing system to send information to the user's computing system.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer storage media of claim 26 further comprising:

sending [[a]] the response based on the response level and sending the response with a notification of restrictions on receipt of the information by the user's computing system, the restrictions being based on the response level.